

As a member of the growing audience for satellite radio, I strongly urge the Commission to reject petition 04-160 offered by the National Association of Broadcasters.

The localized information offered by XM Satellite Radio constitutes a service to the public, and not a threat to local broadcasters. The Commission has long advocated greater marketplace competition, and 04-160 represents an effort to inhibit that healthy competition.

As both a consumer of information and a former broadcaster, I am convinced that the marketplace will, itself, settle the question of what is good for listeners. Local, terrestrial broadcasters who serve their audiences well have nothing to fear from satellite-delivered radio; consumers will seek quality regardless of its origin.

Sincerely,

Don Sherry